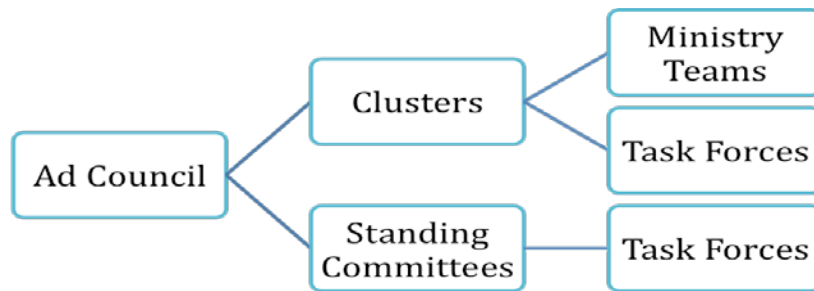


Acts 6 Ministry

This fall we will be re-launching our Acts 6 Ministry. This is a chance for EVERY person at 1st UMC to get involved with the work of building the Kingdom through the ministries of this church.

Last year things were a little confusing so we are going to start working toward the launch by clarifying this new structure as much as possible.



The above chart is how the church structure will look. Now some definitions to help you understand what each group means.

- Administrative (Ad) Council
 - Comprised of the Cluster members and chairs from every Standing Committee, as well as several At-Large members.
 - Meets once a quarter.
 - Role:
 - Visioning committee for the church
 - Lays out trajectory and ensures that every Cluster/Standing Committee is moving in the same direction.
 - Ensures that leadership roles are filled
 - Ensures that each Cluster/Standing Committee is communicating with the congregation
 - Prepares materials for the Annual Church Conference
- Clusters
 - Replaces all Program Committees – Worship, Education, Youth, Children, Missions, Evangelism, Music
 - Each Cluster will be facilitated by 3-4 people who are put in place by the Nominating Committee
 - Role:
 - Attend Ad Council meetings
 - Find and train leaders for Ministry Teams and Task Forces
 - Ensure that the whole Cluster is moving in the direction of the church vision.
 - Maintain the budget of the Cluster
 - Encourage the development of new Ministry Teams and Task Forces
 - PRAY.
 - Who should be involved:
 - Those with gifts for prayer, organization, and decision-making.
 - Those who want to work behind the scenes providing encouragement and accountability.
 - The work will be less hands-on and much more administration.
- Standing Committees
 - These are committees that are mandated by The Book of Discipline: SPRC, Trustees, Finance, Nominations, Endowment
 - Members are put in place by the Nominations Committee
 - Role is dependent on the Committee and is determined by The Book of Discipline
 - Who should be involved:
 - Those with gifts for prayer, organization, and decision-making.

- Those passionate about the administration of the Church
 - Those willing to attend monthly meetings of an hour or more in order to accomplish the work of the Committee
- Ministry Teams
 - Does ministry that goes throughout the year (or at least the majority of the year)
 - Co-leaders are chosen and trained by the Cluster
 - Participants on the Ministry Team are limitless
 - Number of Ministry Teams in a Cluster is limitless
 - Role:
 - To actually “do” the ministry of the church, i.e. sing in the choir, serve at the soup kitchen, teach Sunday School
 - Who should participate:
 - Those gifted in the area of that particular Ministry Team
 - Those that can commit to service for an entire year
 - Those excited about being hands-on and relational.
- Task Forces
 - Does ministry for a limited amount of time, usually focused on special events that require no more than 4 months of involvement
 - Co-leaders are chosen and trained by the Cluster/Standing Committee
 - Participants on Task Forces are limitless
 - Number of Task Forces in a Cluster/Standing Committee is limitless
 - Role:
 - To “do” special event ministry of the church, i.e. Soup Supper/Cookie Walk, Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat, Mission Trips
 - Who should participate:
 - Those gifted in the area of that particular Task Force
 - Those that can commit to an intense but short period of serving
 - Those excited about being hands-on and relational.

We will be releasing the Acts 6 booklets soon. You are welcome to sign-up for Standing Committees, Clusters, Ministry Teams, and Task Forces. You are limited by your schedule only. Members who would like to serve on a Standing Committee or Cluster will probably not be asked to head up a Ministry Team or Task Force but you can still participate in the work.

The new structure will allow for more people to participate and will allow us to add more ministries quickly. Our prayer is that we will become even more obedient to God through this structure.

There will be a display for this new structure on September 12th at the Pie Feed/Food Packaging portion of Rally Day. Sign up booklets will be distributed at the beginning of October. Clusters/Standing Committees will be chosen by November and will be making phone calls to organize Ministry Teams and Task Forces through the month of November. New Ministry Teams and Task Forces may be added throughout the year at the Cluster/Standing Committees discretion.